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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : J. B. Rissin, et.al.

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For : EAR NUT WITH HANDLES

Examiner: J. R. Brittain

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated January 24, 2002, please amend the above captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace Claim 1 with the following clean version of this Claim:

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- AI
1. A jewelry clasp for gripping the post of a piece of jewelry, said jewelry clasp comprising:

a base plate having a first surface for facing toward said piece of jewelry and a second surface for facing away from said piece of jewelry, an opening in said base plate for passing a jewelry post therethrough;

at least one spring finger extending outwardly from said second surface to a position where a portion of the spring finger can frictionally engage a side surface of a jewelry post when said post is passed through said opening; and,

at least one user gripping tab extending outwardly from said base plate second surface to a position where said tab can be gripped by a user for removal said jewelry clasp from said post.